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Gentlemen:

RE: Docket Number 98P-0203/CP

I am neither a vegetarian nor a fanatic about animal rights, but I believe the time has come to speak out about treating animals humanely before we slaughter them.

Please grant the petition filed to eliminate the forced molting of hens. The word "humanity" should stand for something besides exploitation, selfishness and barbarism.

Very truly yours,

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